

Computational propaganda, weaponized narratives, and online information operations



Project Title	Computational propaganda, weaponized narratives, and online information operations
Project Summary	Help the Department combat state-sponsored computational propaganda by conducting research on relevant organizations, tools and best practices and writing occasional informational memos and policy papers.
Country	United States

Project Description

Computational propaganda (CP) is the use of information and communication technologies to influence perceptions and manipulate behavior. There is a proliferation of people and organizations focused on issues relating to CP, counter-disinformation, weaponized narratives, information operations, research into psychological techniques for manipulation, etc. We need an intern who can help us maintain situational awareness of the latest developments in these topics, and who can conduct deep dives into specific topics when we need more data or memos summarizing topics.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Research

Additional Information

We are looking for a graduate student, but would consider a highly qualified undergraduate. Applicants should have: a strong interest in the problems posed by computational propaganda and digital disinformation; interest in public diplomacy and/or computational social science; a thorough understanding of the social media ecosystem, how information spreads online, and how state and non-state actors use social media. Experience in social media marketing, information operations and the like are a huge advantage. We typically receive many applications for these positions so applicants should expect a competitive writing process following the

application. Please only apply if you're willing to participate in this process.

Language Requirements

None